COL. CUTSHAW TALKS

EXPLAINS TO THE STREET COM-MITTEE WORK OF HIS OFFICE.

REALLY NEEDS ANOTHER ENGINEER.

Says His Department Was Not Given That Full and Free Investigation Which Should Have Been Given It-Water at the Penitentiary.

The Council Committee on Streets last pight resumed its investigation of the City Engineer's office, with a view of reporting to the Council upon the ordiand resolutions of the Retrench-

The body first heard from the City Engineer relative to the work of his office, and his views regarding the measures spoken of, and he made a most exhaustive statement, showing in brief what the work had steadily increased, and that the regular force had remained as it stood in 1872. Colonel Cutshaw was very emphatic in the expression of his opinion as to the fixing of the office hours for his ment differently from those of the municipal departments. He declared t had not been given that full and avestigation that should have been

This is the statement submitted by Colonel Cutshaw in behalf of the En-gineering Department:

the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Streets:

Gentlemen.-We herewith beg leave to present briefly our views upon the "or-dinance concerning the Department of the Engineer of the City and Streets," and ask that you will discuss it thoroughly with us, so that you may fully under-stand how our department will be affect-ed when you shall have concluded your

nances, says: "The Engineer shall personally attend at his office a portion of each day, except when leave of absence may be granted him by the Committee on Streets, generally; and his office shall be open for the transaction of business from 8 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon, from the 1st day of April to the 1st day of October, and from 9 in the morning until 3 in the afternoon during the rest of the year."

The proposed ordinance says: "The office-hours of the City Engineer and the assistants in his department be, and are hereby, fixed to be from 9 A. M. to 6

WOULD REALLY MEAN NO CHANGE. We do not see why the meaning and intention of the present ordinance should be changed, even if the hours are ex-tended. No one except the Clerk is expected to be constantly in the office, for the Engineer, and especially the assistants, have duties outside, as well as in the office. As a matter of fact, the office is now, and has been for more than twenty-three years, voluntarily open until 6 P. M. because of our press of

this extension of hours should be applied to us, common fairness equires that it shall apply to all other city officers and persons who now work from 5 to 3, say, or from 9 to 4.

Second. Section 4, chapter 38, City Or-

"The Engineer of the city shall, by himself, or by his assist-ants, for whom he shall be responsible. ants, for whom he shall be responsible, make all such surveys, plans, and estimates as may be required of him by the city Council, or either branch thereof the Committee on Streets generally, or

any committee of the City Council."
"He shall also be the architect and draughtsman of the city, and, in respect to buildings and other improvements, make such plans, specifications, and es-timates as the City Council may require, and do in relation thereto whatever else

Superintendent of Grounds and Bulld-

Section 15, chapter 60: "City Engineer to examine and report upon buildings to Police Justice."

Section 4, chapter 88; "City Engineer, Engineer James River (Harbor) Improve-Section 1, chapter 76: "City Surveyor."

THE LANGUAGE A REFLECTION. The proposed ordinance says:
"The Engineer of the city and the assistants in his department shall devote their time to the affairs of the city, and are hereby prohibited from engaging in

any outside work."

The language here used, though probably not so intended, is rather a reflection on our office. We feel sure that these who are familiar with all our work an testify to our devoting more than the city's time to the affairs of the city. Where private surveys have been made outside of city hours they are provided for in City Ordinances, section 1, chapter,

THE COUNCIL'S POWER.

We do not believe that the Council has anything to do with any officer's time, or with what he shall engage in after city hours, otherwise the Mayor, City Attor-. President Board of Health, Physician at Almshouse; physicians to the poor, Superintendent Public Schools, Coroner, Clerk to Auditor, Harbormaster, and others would be prohibited from engaging in outside work. We see no objection to an ordinance providing that no city officer or employee shall engage any private work during city hours, but it should be made to apply to all,

The proposed ordinance says: "The Committee on Streets shall, at their second regular meeting in Janu-ary, 1897, proceed with the appointment gineer Department, who shall be de-signated as first assistant, second assistant, and third assistant, and they shall perform all duties that may be prescribed for them by the Engineer of

MANNER OF APPOINTMENT.

Sections 2 and 12, chapter 38, City Ordinances, provide that the assistants and cierk shall be appointed by the Engineer, subject to approval by Council in one case, and Committee on Streets in the others.

decided to pay J. T. Vaughan 21 per day extra for work done in addition to his regular duties at the New reservoir during the liness of Mr. W. S. Roach, the late keeper.

The pay-roll was approved and some minor routine business was transacted.

The proposed ordinance would not apply at the end of the present term, and we to not see why the appointments should be made by the committee now. As the Engineer is made responsible for the asstatants, and gives the bond of the office, it seems but fair that he should have se-lection of them at all times.

nance can be framed to carry out the reduction of force by simply say-There shall be three assistant engineers, to be designated as first, secon

and third assistants, and a clerk, appointed by the City Engineer, subject to approval by Committee on Streets, who shall perform all duties that may be prescribed for them by the Engineer of the city, and the clerk, in addition to his other duties, shall attend all meetings of the Committee or Streets and as clerk. the Committee on Streets, act as clerk, and make and keep a true record of its proceedings, without additional compensa-

CAN'T WELL DECREASE.

Upon the question of reducing our office force by dropping one assistant, we have to say that it is the same force we found here in 1873, and except at intervals, when additional men were employed, when important extra work was thrown upon the office, no permanent increase has been made. During these twenty-three years

the work has greatly increased, and additional duties have been added to the

See references to new ordinances. tion 15, chapter 60; section 4, chapter 88. New and additional work of sidewalks and sewer connections; tables, and the

statement of the assistants as to their

We believe the work of the office not only requires the present force, but should have an additional assistant to properly meet the demands upon us.

4. The proposed ordinance says: "The Engineer shail designate one of the assistant engineers in his department to perform the duties of the position of sewer foreman, in addition to his other duties, and the sewer foreman now emduties, and the sewer foreman now emduties. duties, and the sewer foreman now em-ployed shall no longer be engaged to per-form the duties of the sald position."

CANNOT BE DISPENSED WITH. We do not see how a sewer foreman can be dispensed with any more than a foreman of pipe-layers in the other de-partments of the city. This foreman is required to be on hand to call his gang ment and Reform Committee, which had been appropriately referred thereto. There was a long-winded discussion over office and constant duties are to make the hours, the designation of the Engineer's assistants, &c. There were present Chairman Allen and Messrs. Baben, Burton, Carter, Ebel, John J. and John M. King, Lawder, Pollock, and Woody.

The body first board from the Carter and constant duties are to make the pipe connections from the main sewers to the curb line, and to inspect sewer material as it is brought to the ground, where his work goes on. When several large sewers are being built at the same time we need a man for each to inspect the material and work and we then put the material and work and we then put e material and work, and we then put on a temporary inspector for each, the same as every other city does. Although an assistant goes to all this work to give lines, grades, and directions, measure up the work, it is impossible for him to supervise the work in such a manner as to prevent bad material or construction, or both; so that some one is needed on the work constantly to see We believe it is to the city's

interest to retain a sewer foreman. Explain how this was formerly done

4. This provides for two district forces of hands and carts, instead of three. This is a matter that should be left to the discretion of the Committee on. Streets, or tried before making it a permanent arrangement. The city at one time hand several good forces for repairs. and, afterwards finding a great deal of regular grading and gravelling to be done, combined these into three, which red over the streets for repairs.

Explain the changes and reduction in nanagers by former committees. 6. This can be embraced in the third ection, as indicated before.
7. This should be left to the discretion

of the Committee on Streets.

8. The City Attorney should frame the

EXTRA HELP HAD BEEN REQUIRED. While going over and explaining his tatement, Colonel Cutshaw was subjectto numerous questions as to what explanations of his office duties were made to the sub-Committee on Retrenchment and Reform. He replied to all interrogations fully. With reference to the proposition to cut off one of the assistant eng neers, the Engineer gave a detailed statement of the extra help that his office had required during the past twenty-three years, in order to carry out the duties which fell upon his department. He said that he had heard it charged that it cost the deartment 120000 a year to scend the department \$20,000 a year to spend \$40,000, and in this connection brought for-ward statistics to show that the office expenses were about 6 per cent, of the whole sum expended in improvements, &c., or a smaller percentage than any

other department in the city showed.

Messrs. King and Ebel, members of the sub-committee from the Committee on Retrenchment and Reform, making the the Engineering Department, stated that they believed every one connected with that branch of the city government had been given ample opportunity to make every detail of his duties plain to the

AS TO DOING OUTSIDE WORK. Mr. King stated that he had been in-ormed that members of the engineering orce had gone away from the city to do work elsewhere, and as an fistance it was cited that Mr. Jack Belton had gone up to Charlottesville and conferred with Mr. Maynard, a contractor, about a certain matter. He believed that there were other and similar cases to this.

made by the men in almost all the depart-ments of the city. He could not say whether Mr. Bolton received any compensation for his time or trip. He added hat the sub-committee had never spoken

to him concerning this matter.

The Engineer, in concluding his statement, said he was glad that these questions had come to the Committee on tions had come to the Committee on Streets. He refuted the impressions that this committee had never done anything the matter of retrenching by citing a number of cases in which reductions of orce, consolidation of positions, &c., had

On motion of Mr. Pollock the committee here adjourned until Friday night at 8 Sclock, when these questions will be finaldisposed of, so far as this body is con-

The Committee on Finance held a regu far meeting in the office of the City Audi-tor last night. A number of petitions for aid for charity institutions for this year were considered, but no action was taken upon them. Some routine work was ac-complished, and the committee adjourned.

Meters at the Penitentiary.

A regular meeting of the Committee on Water was held in Room No. 11 of the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock last night. Those in attendance were Chairman Briggs and Mesars, Carter, Noble, Tanner, and Cutchins. A communication from Major B. W Lynn, Superintendent of the Penitentiary asking that the two water-meters in that institution be taken out, was read. The letter stated that the meters had several times become so clogged up that water could not be gotten for the bollers. Captain White, Assistant Superintendent of the Penitentiary, and Mr. Cates, of the Davis Boot and Shoe Company, appeared before the committee and urged the grant ng of Superintendent Lynn's reques Superintendent Bolling, of the Water-Works, explained that these obstructions in the meters were caused by the low pressure which had prevailed all over the ity. Since the last obstruction, he said in arrangement had been made by means of a by-pass, so that the penitentiary being cleaned out. The real objection to the meters, the Superintendent thought, was that the water bills were larger than before they were put in-

There was some discussion over the matter, which was finally referred to Superintendent Bolling, with instructions to report in a month, on motion of Mr.

On motion of Mr. Tanner, the committee decided to pay J. T. Vaughan \$1 per day

Funeral of Mrs. Hawes.

The funeral of Mrs. Martha C. Hawes, wife of Mr. S. H. Hawes, took place from the Second Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and almost every seat in the edifice was occupied by sorrowing friends of the de-

The larger portion of the auditorium was reserved for the relations and immediate friends, as well as the ladies of the

diate friends, as well as the failes of the various organizations of which Mrs. Hawes had been a member.

Two beautiful floral designs—a large cross and gates ajar, tributes of loving friends, were placed at each end of the casket, which, itself, was completely casket, which,

casket, which, itself, was completely covered with flowers.

Hev. M. D. Hoge. D. D., pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. James P. Smith, of the Central Presby-The choir sang several bymns terian. The choir sang several hymne, to which Mr. Shepherd Webb played the accompaniment on the organ.

During the service Dr. Hoge offered a fervent prayer, paying a beautiful tribute to Mrs. Hawes in pointing out her rare qualities, which made her so dear to every one who knew her.

Many prominent citizens and officials

A BALL IN HIS NECK.

WILLIE GRAHAM PERHAPS FATAL-LY WOUNDED BY SAM HALL.

SHOOTING OCCURS IN MANCHESTER.

Trouble Occurs Over a Poker Game with But Five Cents Involved-One Draws His Pistol and the Other an Axe-Other Items.

Sam Hall, a mulatto about 19 years of age, is now a fugitive from justice because last night he shot and probably mortally wounded Willie Graham, another negro, a few years his senior.

The shooting occurred in the house where Graham boarded, on the Petersburg railroad, between Hull and Bainbridge streets, Manchester, about 8:30 o'clock.

The men were engaged in a game of poker, with 5-cent stakes. They began to quarrel over the possession of the 5 cents then in sight, and Hall, seeing that his rights were going, jumped up and said, with drawn pistol, he would kill Graham. The latter also sprang to his feet and reached for an axe, which was lying near by. His hand had hardly gotten behind him when Hall fired. The ball struck in the neck, about two inches below the ear, and ranged upward and inward, lodging on the front of the spinal column. The report of the pistol soon drew a large crowd about the place, but in the twinkling of an eye the negr and his gun had flown. The poince wer soon on the scene, and every attemp was made to head him off, but withou avail. A messenger was sent to Dr Willie Mathews, who came in a hurry. The physician made a close examinaton of the man's injuries, and regards the wound a most dangerous one, with chances decidedly against Graham's re

MAYOR TAKES HIS STATEMENT. Among the first who reached the house where the fatal ball was fired was layor Maurice. The Mayor and Dr. Mathews conferred, and the latter ad vised that the man's condition was such that a statement from him should be taken. The wounded fellow was per-fectly calm, and even cool, half-seated fectly caim, and even cool, half-scated, half-lying there in a pool of his own hot blood. He said the shooting was the outcome of a quarrel they had over the game of poker. Hall threatened his life, he tried to get the axe for protection, the fellow saw the movement, and fired. The police of Manchester are not slow

The police of Manchester are not slow in taking every precaution to see that the fugitive does not get far without the clutches of the law of which they are the guardians, and last night scarcely an hour had clapsed when the police headquarters of Petersburg, Norfolk, Newport News, and Fredericksburg had been wired to watch all trains and keen been wired to watch all trains and keep a vigilant eye for the guilty man. Hall is described as about 19 years of

age; weighs 125 pounds; is 5 feet 9 inches in height, and is a mulatto, slightly freekled and slightly lame.

It is not known what direction be took, but he is thought to have boarded the freight which leaves the city at 9 o'clock for Petersburg, and then to Norfolk. Neither of the darkies bear an enviable reputation, and both have been be fore criminals under the law for many and by no means elight, offences. The affair seems to have been much as a matter of fact among the citizens, and such as might be expected at any time and when Hall is taken the lay will take its own course in its own time TAKEN TO THE STATION.

At the request of his wife, Captain O. B. Price was locked up in the station-house last night for keeping, safe for himself and for others. Lately he has begun to imagine he is hunting some one, and last night, before Officer Wright reached his home, on Fourth street, he had been the rounds of the house with a lamp in his hand, looking for tracks. The house was in great danger of being set on fire at every turn, as he swu the lamp around like he would dash to pieces every minute. When some one told him an officer was coming for him he leaped into bed and covered up He swore he would not get up, and only by a combination of force and persua sion was he at last induced to go to the station-house. The unfortunate man is a brother of the Mr. Price who had n brother of the Mr. Frice who had charge of the arrangements in the scenic production of "The Last Days of Pompeil," and was formerly employed as a section-master on the Southern road.

FIGHT WILL NOT PULL OFF. The sports of Manchester intended having a big cock-fight next Thursday They had picked out the large, va Eighth and Lainbridge streets as the place to hold the main. In some manner the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals found that it was to take place, and yesterday morning Mr. Emmet Tay-lor 'phoned Chief-of-Police Lipscomb that he wanted to have a talk with him at the paper-mill. The boys, learning of this became frightened and have concluded to abandon the fight. The fight was to be

abandon the fight. The light was between Manchester and Richmond cocks. The Executive Committee of the Citi-zens' Relief Band met in the court-house last evening and considered the means for keeping up their supplies and reviewed to some extent the work already done. They some extends of themselves as deeply grateful for the generous gift of the Southern Railroad Company for its timely gift of a car-load of coal.

THE BIRTHDAY FETE.

The ladies of the Meade-Memorial church will have a "birthday fete" at the church will have a birthau fee residence of Mrs. Snellings, on Porter street, on Friday evening. The enter-tainment will begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and continue until 9 o'clock

the evening.

The following is a copy of the invitation they have issued to their friends: "The pleasure of your company is requested at Mrs. Snellings's, of Meade-Memorial church, Manchester, Friday, February 19th, from 4 to 9 P. M., to attend a highly fath tend a birthday fete.

"This birthday party is given to you, This correlating novel; 'tis something new,
We send to each this little sack—
Please, either bring or send it back,
With as many cents as you are old, We promise the number shall never be

And bring your purse-we humbly ask it To purchase each a dainty basket. And thus a double good achieve, For as you give, so you'll receive."

The Young Ladies' Aid Society of this church will give an oyster supper in the vacant storeroom of Mr. John Charleton, on Hull near Twelfth street, Monday, February 22d.

The young ladies desire the patronage of their friends and the public generally. They will serve the following menu: Oysters-Raw, Stewe 1, Fried. Terrapin Stew.

Beaten Biscuit, Elaw. Tea and Coffee. Pickles.

DOINGS IN MANCHESTER COURTS

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The Hustings Court of Manchester was in session yesterday morning. Nothing but chancery causes were tried. This morning the appeal case, in which Mayor Maurice ordered the killing of the dog owned by Mr. George Payne for biting Fitzhugh Lee, will be called.

In the Mayor's Court yesterday his Honor fined Lizzie Jackson, Eliza Hicks, and Robert Bolling (all colored) \$2.50 for engaging in a fight last Sunday night. They could not pay the fine and went down to live with Sergeant Fitzgerald. Officer Jones's attention had been called by the neighbors to continued rows where these people lived, and on Sunday night while on his beat he passed in the rear of the colored Masonic Hall, and there he found these people fighting. The two women had jumped on the man, and were beating him severely when the officer put a stop to the fight.

The negro crap-shooters, who were ab-

sent from the Police Court Monday, were summoned to appear yesterday morning, and were again absent. An attachment was issued for Kanie Dean and John Gray. John Miller went to the court-house Monday night, and paid his dollar.

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The little white boys who were arrested by Officer Alvis, of Swansboro', for trespassing on the Ninth-Street school-house, were before Squire Jones yesterday morning. The Squire made Cleveland Andrews and Peter Reams pay the costs of the case. The other boys were discharged on account of their age.

PERSONALS AND BRIEFS. Judge James M. Gregory is very much

Mr. W. A. Rice has returned from a pleasant visit to his parents, in Smith-

Mr. Ben. P. Owen, Sr., who has been quite sick for several days, is reported to

quite sick for several days, is reported to be improved.

Mrs. E. Paul Dismukes, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. S. A. Morris-sette, on Porter street, has returned to her home, in Columbus, Ga.

The Manchester Fire Department will have a benefit performance at Leader Hall on February 20th. The proceeds will go towards buying rubber coats and boots for the firemen. or the firemen. The case of Messrs, Dodson and Gib-

boney brothers was not called before Squire Jones yesterday morning. Mr. Dodson is out of the city, and Constable Cole has not been able to serve the papers

The little people had a grand time last

night sending valentines.

A very enjoyable entertainment was given Monday by Mrs. Alice Brown, of Bainbridge street, to her friends. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and music, and refreshments were served. Among those present were Misses Mamle Knorr, Bessie Bredreth, Eilen Van Horn, Alice Mann, Cora Spellings, Ophelia Spellings, Mary Spellings, Ethel Brown, and Mrs. J. Lunson; Messrs, Robert Pass, Charley Nobles, Clifton Knorr, E. B. Brown, and John Lunson.

PICTURE-GALLERY COMMITTEE.

Their Work Fully Discussed-A Circular to Be Sent Out.

The Picture-Gallery Committee held an adjourned meeting in Lee-Camp Hall last night. There were present Comrades John E. Laughton, Jr., D. Smith Redford, James W. Pegram, James T. Gray, Charles T. Turner, E. W. Martin, Joseph B. McKinney, Dr. G. Smith, C. C. Scott, Joseph W. Thomas, John Bolling, Gervas Storrs, T. A. Brander, and J. Taylor Ellyson, Mr. Laughton presided and Mr. Boiling re-

Comrade Pegram spoke earnestly of the objects of the committee, and said they were engaged in a work that was grand in its conception and would be glorious in its execution, for they had the opportunity of giving to this generation one of the greatest picture galleries of the century—one that would be the pride of the whole southern people. The prosperity that had marked the initial efforts of the committee was an augury of a great and glorious success. It was desirable that the bjects of this committee should be placed before those whose pictures the camp de-sires in a communication which would convince them of the great importance of

After the talk of Comrade Pegram, the ommittee took a recess of ten minutes to committee took a recess of ten minutes to organize the sub-committees. The following were reported and elected as sub-chairmen: Artillery, Thomas A. Brander; Cavalry, John Bolling. The Infantry, Navy, and Staff committees will report their chairmen at the next meeting.

Comade Pegram moved that a letter be formulated by the committee, which shall be sent by the sub-committee to the par-

formulated by the committee, which shall be sent by the sub-committee to the par-ties whose pictures they desire, and that a committee of three be appointed to pre-pare said letter. The motion was adopt-ed. Chairman Laughton stated that he would appoint the committee at the next meeting.

urtherance of the objects of the commit-A. Brander, Gervas Storrs, D. Smith Red-ford, James T. Gray, and Chairman John E. Laughton, Jr. The remarks of Com-rade Ellyson were particularly interesting. E. Laughton, Jr. The remarks of Com-rade Ellyson were particularly interesting, urging active efforts in behalf of the se-curing of pictures of Confederate heroes. The remarks of Mr. Ellyson were highly in the State of Texas, and seeking to commended by Messrs. Pegram and

The committee adjourned to meet next uesday night at 8 o'clock.

LADIES AT THE ALBEMARLE.

They Have a Charming Reception for the Rosemary Library.

For the first time in the history of the Albemarie Club, at the corner of Third and Grace streets, its halls resounded yesterday evening with the laughter and merriment and music of women. It was the first "ladies' day" of the clubs the occasion being the reception given by the ladies interested in maintaining that most worthy institution, the Rosemary Lorary. The hours for the entertainment were from 5 till 8 P. M., and during that time the elegant home of the Albemarleites was literally turned over to the

fair sex of the city. The parlors were prettily and tastefully decorated, and the affair opened with a most delightful musical programme, conmost delightful musical programme, con-sisting of both vocal and instrumental selections. Those who sang were Miss Nellie Rogers, Mrs. C. O'B. Cowardin, Mrs. George W. Warren, Misses Louise, Kate, and Marianne Meade, Mrs. Conway Gordon, and Mrs. E. H. Clowes, and Messrs, W. C. Noland and E. H. Clowes. Miss Louise Williams and Mr. Sheppard Webb were the accompanists. One of the most pleasing and engrossing features of the evening was the violin playing of Miss Ella August, daughter of Mr. Ben.
T. August, of this city. Miss August is
a finished artiste, having studied under
Laube, Casper, and other noted teachers.
Fully 300 ladies attended the reception, which was a charming success, both so-cially and financially. The Reception Committee was composed as follows: Mrs. E. T. Crump, Mrs. William L. Sheppard, Mrs. E. A. Saunders, Mrs. Samuel Cohen, Mrs. L. D. Aylett, Mrs. C. Tompkins, Miss Augusta Landel Mrs. W. W. Arches, Miss Mrs. L. D. Aylett, Mrs. C. Tompkins, Miss Augusta Daniel, Mrs. W. W. Archer, Miss M. H. Lee, Miss Charlotte Daniel, Mrs. B. T. Crump, Mrs. James W. Allison, Mrs. W. T. Robins, Miss Emily Glasgow, Miss Kate Talley, Mrs. J. D. Crump, Miss Amy Lyle, and Miss Molly Jeffries, assisted by Miss Ella Jackson, Miss Mary Hill, Miss Mary Saunders, Miss Tucker, Miss Lily Hill, Miss Rebe Glasgow, and Miss Carrie Coleman. Refreshments were served by Misses Eda Atkinson, Phyllis Langhorne, Jenny Boyd, Lizzle Weddell, Helen Christian, and Nella Tompkins.

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Ladies' Cloaks.

Don't miss this chance to get a Cloak or Cape at less than half price-in some instances at less

than one third price.

All the \$10, \$15, and \$20 ones now \$4.38.

All the \$5, \$8, 50, and \$9 ones now \$2.38.

All the \$5, \$6, and \$7.50 ones now \$2.98.

Cloaks at 75c. each.

Children's Reefers at 75c. each.

Ladles' Cloth Capes at 75c. each.

Corsets.

Correct shapes in Corsets are here. Special values just now. . All sizes of a well-known 50c. (White and Gray), 39c.
The \$1 C. B. Corsets, in Black, 75c.
The \$1.75 P. D. Corsets for \$2.
The \$2.50 P. D. Corsets for \$1.25.
(The C. B. Manda 75c. Corsets, 50c.

Some Items.

est Vaseline, 1c. a bottle, alm Soap, 2c. a cake. arge spoois Basting Cotton, 1c. a spooi, uil count Best American Pins, 1c. a

arer.
Hooks and Eyes, 2 dozen for 1c.
Hair-Pins, 1c. a paper.
Oil-Cloth Bibs, 1c. each.
Hump Hooks and Eyes, 2c. a card.
Best Machine-Oil, 3c. a bottle.
Best Ammonia, 3c. a bottle.
Parning Eggs, 3c. each.
Bone Collar Buttons, 1c. a card.
Swansdown Face Powder, 5c. a box.
16c. Sponges, 1c. each.
All-Wool 50c. Breakfast Shawis, 10c.
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Visit our Book Department. Meyer Sycle,
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Next Corner First and Broad Streets.

CREDIT-MEN TO ORGANIZE. Branch of the National Association

to Be Formed in Richmond. A meeting of the credit-men of the city will be held in the hall of the Chamber of Commerce to-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a local branch of the National Association of Credit-

The call for the meeting, which will be formally issued to-day, bears the signatures of the following well-known firms: Stokes & Simmons, M. Milhiser & Co., E. A. Saunders & Sons, The Standard Oil Company, T. W. Wood & Sons, S. W. Travers, Smith-Courtney Company, Har-Travers, Smith-Courtney Company, Harris, Flippen & Co., Harrelson & Crump, Davis & Atkins, Allison & Addison, Etchison, Eates & Starke, H. A. Williams, Old Dominion Iron- and Nail-Works Company, Southern Oil Company, L. C. Younger, The Merchants' National Bank, J. D. & R. S. Christian Company, and Kingan & Co. and Kingan & Co.

WHAT IT HAS ACCOMPLISHED. These gentlemen in their circular say: 'Many credit-men of our city that an organization composed of gentle-men identified with the extension of mer-cantile credits would be of inestimable value and importance to the interests The matter has long been made the subject of more or less discussion, and has resulted in the forma-tion of a very strong national organiza-tion, as well as vigorous local association, as well as vigorous local associa-tions in Sioux City, New York, New Or-leans, St. Louis, Kansas City, Louisville, Concinnati, Nashville, Detroit, Minneapo-lis, St. Joseph, Portland (Ore.), Denver, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Rochester, Chicago, St. Paul, and Mil-waukee, as adjuncts of the national body. waukee, as adjuncts of the national body. Already splendid results have been attained, such as making it a penal offence in the State of Louisiana to give fraudulent figures for the purpose of obtaining credit, and whereby any one is defrauded; also, making it a penal offence for parties selling out stocks, in blocks, that have not been paid for, and making it encumbent upon the purchaser to exact a sworn statement from the seller that the equalize and improve the laws pertaining to the rights of debtor and creditor in

that Commonwealth." HAS GROWN VERY RAPIDLY.

Mr. F. R. Boocock, of New York, see retary of the National Association, is the Jefferson, and will speak at to-m

row's meeting. Speaking last night of his work he said: work he said:
"The first Credit-Men's Association formed in this country upon the present lines was organized one year ago last Soptember, in New York. This association started out with sixty charter members, and now has a membership of about two hundred and fifty of the leading commercial houses of the metropolis. It has a Legislative Committee, consisting of seven of the ablest credit-men in New York, and through their endeavors the association expects to accomplish many needed reforms in our State Legis-lature relative to the relations between debtor and creditor. Following New York, New Orleans, Sioux City, Kansas City, St. Louis, and Cincinnati organ-ized their credit-men. In June of this year, at a convention in Toledo, O., at representatives were present from twenty-two States, the national organi-

zation was enthusiastically launched, with W. H. Preston, of Sloux City, president; M. E. Bannin, of New York city, vice-president; T. H. Green, of Sloux City, treasurer, and F. R. Boocock, of New York city, secretary.

"Since the Toledo convention over "Since the Toledo convention over twenty local associations have been pranized in as many commercial centres, showing conclusively the necessity for such organization, and the belief on the part of business-men that great good can be accomplished through such an Before the next conventionagency. Before the next convention— June 9th, 10th, and 11th, in Kansas City— there will be fully fifty local associations, representing a membership of up-wards of five thousand commercial houses. In my talk on Thursday I will clearly indicate some of the reforms that can be accomplished by this association, and the great advance that it can bring about in the relations between debtor and creditor. The extension of credit is a scheme, but all time transactions should be so protected by law as to prevent fraud and injustice."

MR. GIBBS IN THE CITY.

He Is Opposed to Treating in Bar-Rooms.

Mr. James E. A. Gibbs, the aged inventor of the Wilcox & Gibbs sewingmachine, was in the city yesterday with his wife, and spent the day at the Jef-

Mr. Gibbs is en route from his home, at

Old Officers Re-Elected.

The following gentlemen were re-elected officers of the Virginia Fire and Marine Insurance Company at a meeting held yes-terday afternoon: William H. Palmer, president; W. H. McCarthy, secretary; D. O. Davis, E. B. Addison, Edward J. Willis, W. J. Leake, and Thomas Potts, direc-

The statement for the fiscal year past was submitted and passed upon by the stockholders.

Meyer Sycle. 269 Ladies' Dress Waists

were received here in one shipment yesterday. They were the bal-ance of stock on hand of a firm of ladies' tailors of New York city who took stock February 1st, and rather than be worried with these small lots they accepted our cash offer, which was hardly one third more than actual cost to make.

THE MATERIALS ARE

Serges, Flannels, Cashmeres, Mohairs, Brilliantines, Cheviots, and

THE COLORS ARE

Solid Navy, Red, Green, Tan, Black, Plaids, and Checks.

They are made in every stylish shape-Norfolk Pleated, Gathered Waists, Shirred Blouses, Yoke Backs, and some in Shirt-Waist

THEY COST

to make from \$2 to \$5. They will be offered to our public, commencing this morning (sizes 32 to 44)



AT A CHOICE OF

BIG DRY GOODS STORE.

To Announce His Candidacy. It is understood that Major J. Hoge Tyler will within the next few days formally announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Governor, His letter will probably be given to the press to-day or to-morrow.

Personals and Briefs. Mr. W. P. Gunn, principal of the city schools of Radford, is in the city.

Mr. Joseph B. Balley, of the Emporia Messenger, was in the city yesterday. Mrs. James H. Dooley will be at home oformally on Fridays during February. Misses Kennon, of Norwood, are the guests of Mrs. Lacy Tatum, No. 9 west Franklin street.

Mrs. A. H. Grandy, of Norfolk, Va., is visiting Mrs. Charles U. Williams, of east Grace street.

Miss Alice London Boatwright, of Wil-Mrs. A. B. Guigon. Mr. Robert Catlett, Commonwealth's-Attorney of Rockbridge county, was at the Auditor's office yesterday.

Captain Charles H. Epps, who weeks ago suffered a fracture of his hip, is still confined to his couch. Mrs. George F. Brown, of Philadelphia, is visiting the family of Mr. Charles A. Rose, No. 208 west Grace street.

Mrs. Marx Gunst is greatly improved. She was able to sit up awhile in her room, at the Old Dominion Hospital, yes-

Mr. J. L. Weatherford, who has been

very sick at his residence, No. 2011 east Broad street, with pneumonia, is improving. Mr. Emil H. Spott, the jeweller, of No. 1102 east Main street, lies critically ill at his home, suffering with hemorrhage of

ill at his residence, No. 2426 Venable street, and there is very little hope for Sergeant J. D. Pendleton, of the police force of Lynchburg, is in the city. He was a visitor to Major Howard's of-

Ex-Alderman Joseph W. Carter is very

lce yesterday. Mrs. Dennis, wife of the late Dr. Ben-jamin Dennis, continues critically ill at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Wil-liam H. Tyler, of Highland Park. Captain Robert H. Fisher, the Chesa-

peake and Ohio ticket-agent at Broadstreet station, is a very iii man. He resides at No. 206 north Twelfth street. Rev. C. P. Williamson, formerly of this city, and now paster of a Christian church in Atlanta, had a second stroke

of paralysis Monday, and now lies dan-

erously ill. Mr. Edgar Allan left yesterday morn ng to take the deposition of J. R. Thorp n his contest for the scut of Hon, Sidney Epes as member of Congress from the

Intelligence has been received here of the death, at his residence, "Clay Bank," in Cumberland county, on the 12th, of Colonel John C. Page, who was in the 67th year of his age. The Ladies' Auxiliary of Pickett Camp,

Confederate Veterans, will have a called meeting of importance at Smith's Hall on Friday at 3:30 o'clock. A large at-tendance is requested. The funeral of Mr. Landon Duncan Pilkinton, whose death was announced in yesterday's Dispatch, will take place from Trinity Methodist church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Richmond Locomotive-Works will,

in about ten days, begin operations in full blast. The workmen are now only waiting for the arrival of materials ordered. Fully 1,000 men will soon be employed in the plant. Miss Sallie Cornan, of Lynchburg, who has been spending several days with the family of Mr. Wyatt, of No. 1019 west Cary street, left yesterday morning via the Southern railway, for Scotland Neck,

N. C., to visit her mother. Hon. J. T. Lawless, who has been in Dinwiddie county, assisting Hon. Sidney P. Epes in the contest that Mr. R. T. Thorp has brought against him, says that in that county all the testimony was favorable to Mr. Epes.

Colonel Morton Marye, Auditor of Pub-

le Accounts of Virginia, has returned

from Culpeper county, where he went on Saturday morning with the remains of Mr. A. R. Alcocke, one of the clerks in his office, who died here last Friday. Tennessee has been released from Tennessee has been released from quarantine restrictions, except a few un-important counties in the extreme south-western part of that State. The re-moval of these restrictions will be of im-mense benefit to the cattle trade of Rich-

The Central Woman's Christian Tem-perance Union will hold their regular monthly meeting at the Soldiers' Home next Thursday, the 18th, at 11 o'clock, All the unions are invited to attend. Dr. Starr has kindly consented to preach for

the old soldiers. Rev. Dr. Pike Powers, the venerable rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal church, is very ill. Dr. Powers lives at No. 611 west Cary street. He is suffering from a severe attack of grip, caused by a bad cold, contracted during the wet weather, when he was out visiting his parishioners.

Mr. Charles T. Bland, member of the Mr. Charles T. Bland, member of the House of Delegates from Portsmouth: Mr. Samuel T. Montague, member of the City Council from the Fourth Ward of Portsmouth, and Mr. C. C. Johnson, a well-known contractor of that city, were visitors of the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth yesterday.

At a regular meeting of the Grace-Street Baptist church held Monday night at the tabernacle, Mr. W. R. Trainham was elected a deacon by a very compli-mentary vote. The paster made a touching appeal to the church to cooperate with the new officer in raising the spiritual condition of the church to a higher plane. Richmonders in New York.

NEW YORK, February 16.—(Special.);
J. R. Sheppard, Broadway Central; A. J.
Marcus, Imperial; Mrs. E. S. Evans,
Sturtevant; J. L. Hill, St. Denis; J. S.
Williams, Waldorf; J. Weinstein, Broadway Central.

MARRIAGES.

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ASSHETON — WHEELWRIGHT. —
Married, on Monday, February 15th, at
St. Paul's church, Baltimore, by the
rector, the Rev. J. S. B. Hodges, D. D.,
assisted by the Revs. W. F. Brand, D.
D., and George W. Nelson, WILLIAM
HERBERT ASSHETON, of Rock Spring,
Fauquier county, Va., to JULIET WILSON, youngest daughter of the late Jeremiah Wheelwright, Esq., of Baltimore,
M4.

AKERS.—Died, yesterday, February 16th, at 11:25 o'clock A. M., at his residence, Barton Heights, CHARLES C. AKERS; aged 31 years, Funeral services will take place from the house, and the burial will be in Petersburg TO-DAY.

Lynchburg papers please copy.

HALL.—Died, Tuesday, February 16th, at twenty minutes to 1 A. M., at the residence of her parents, No. 43 Hancock street, FLORENCE MAY, only daughter of Samuel N. and Maggie D. Hall; aged 2 years and 5 months. A bud the Gardener gave us, A pure and lovely child; He gave it to our keeping, To cherish undefiled.

But just as it was opening,
To the glory of the day,
Down came the heavenly Gardener, And took our bud away. Funeral will take place from the residence TO-MORROW (February 18th) at 10 A. M. Friends and acquaintances re-spectfully invited to attend.

MADISON,-Died, at the residence of his mother, No. 823 north Twenty-seventh his mother, No. 23 horth freaty-sevents street, February 16, 1837, at 10 o'clock P. M., Mr. R. SANFORD MADISON, in the 29th year of his age. Funeral from East-End Baptist church THURSDAY, February 18th, at 10:50 o'clock A. M.

PILKINTON.—Died, at the residence of his mother, No. 411 north Twenty-seventh street, Monday, February 15, 1897, at 19:45 P. M., LANDON DUNCAN, the youngest son of Mrs. Emily and the late Richard E. Pilkinton, in the 24th year of his age.

Funeral will take place TO-DAY (Wednesday, at 3 P. M. from Trinity Method

nesday) at 3 P. M. from Trinity Metho-dist church. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend. Interment at

Norfolk and Washington (D. C.) papers

MRS. MARTHA C. HAWES. Paper Adopted by the La the Societies of Dr. Hoge's Church. A bright, Christian life has closed upon earth; one of the brightest that has

earth; one of the originest that has ever blessed this city in all its history. The ladles of the Woman's Foreign Mis-sionary Society and the Ladles' Benevo-lent Society of the Second Presbyterian church, Richmond, have had so great and distressing a loss in the departure of Mrs. Martha C. Hawes, and after so brief an illness, that they find it impossi-ble to make any adequate expression of

For many years they have found in Mrs. Hawes a colaborer, so intelligent, so strong in character, so wide in her sympathies, so ready in her personal aid, that they have long fearned to look to her use suite and leader in every wood. her as a guide and leader in every good work they were called to undertake, and to lean upon her as an unfailing support in every cause of plety and Especially had she become their leader

in the cause of foreign missions, to which her heart went out with great desire, and her hand in unwearying assist-ance. She had in rare degree the qualities of Christian simplicity and manly modesty, and yet a fine for leading. She presided at the meet-ings of the Missionary Society with the resources of her bright intell/gence, and with unfailing gentieness and courtesy.

In the expression of sincero sympathy for the household most afflicted, which the ladies now wish to make, they cannot withhold the utterance of the sorrow and loss which is not that of societies, but which is personal and pro-

found, and as enduring as life. Bowing reverently before the throne of all grace in our deep affliction, we would thank our Heavenly Father that He gave her to us, and pray that her bright example may ever be treasured by us, and may stimulate and guide us in the performance of duty. For the ladies:

Mrs. WILLIAM WIRT HENRY. MIS. JAMES P. SMITH, MIS. T. WILLIAM PEMBERTON, MIS. JAMES PLEASANTS,

Mrs. HELEN D. JAMES. MISS MARY M. GILLIAM, MARINE INTELLIGENCE. MINIATURE ALMANAC, FEB. 17, 1897.

PORT OF RICHMOND, FEB. 16, 1897. ARRIVED.

Steamer Virginia, Porter, Baltimore, merchandise and passengers; Baltimore Steam Packet Company.
Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk, merchandise and passengers; Virginia Navigation Company. SAILED.

Steamer Virginia, Porter, Baltimore, merchandise and passengers; Baltimore Steam Packet Company.

British steamship Capenor, Pensacela. British steamship Pinner's Point, Barry. SAILED.

MR. JEDEDIAH BOBBIN'S SINGIN' SHULE will give there speekin and singin at ye Y. M. C. A. HALL,
FRIDAY NIGHT, FEBRUARY Eth.
SKULE OPENS AT 8 O'CLOCK.
Admishun, 10 sents; reserved seets, 25 sents.

PORT OF NEWPORT NEWS, FEB. 16th. (By telegraph.) ARRIVED.

British steamship Orphington, Plymouth, Barge Coal King, New York. Barge Corsica, New York.